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## Students unknowingly used in travel scam *Former instructor sentenced*

by Brenda Martin  
el Don

Former RSC travel instructor, Milton Schwartz, was sentenced to three years in prison for bilking a reported \$271,000 from 130 clients with the unknown aid of RSC students.

Schwartz reportedly pleaded guilty to 15 counts of felony grand theft and embezzlement. Police investigators said Schwartz used the money to cover vacation packages to Hawaii and air tickets to Israel that he sold to selected clients at half price.

Schwartz was using RSC students he hired from classes he taught to solicit business and put packages together.

Gerry Mowbray, co-owner of Orange County Travel in Anaheim, said he believed the students trusted Schwartz. Mowbray said he did not believe any of the students were actually involved with Schwartz in the scam.

"I believe the students were victims also," Mowbray said.

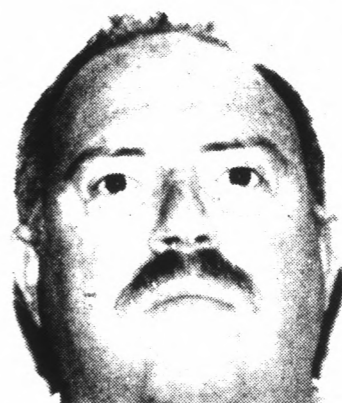
One of the students involved in the scam called it a "nightmare."

"I just want the whole thing to go away," Virginia Mejia, a former RSC travel student, said. Mejia met Schwartz in a night class on the Garden Grove campus. She also met the Mowbrays. Mejia said Schwartz went to work for the Mowbrays and was instrumental in securing a part-time position for her at the agency.

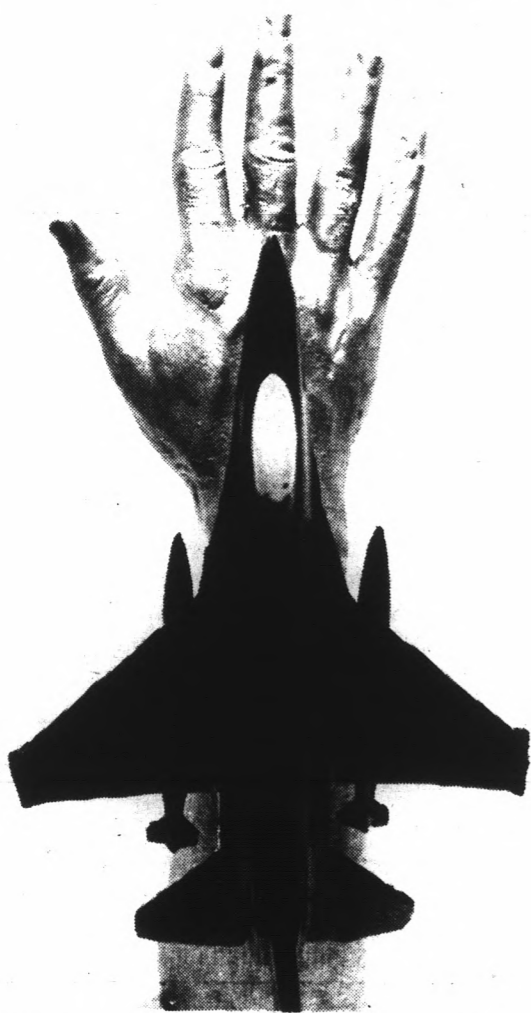
"Milt was a nice guy, everybody liked him," Mejia said. She indicated that no one was suspicious, they thought "it was just a real good deal."

Mejia reported that she gave Schwartz \$2,900 for a trip to Hawaii that she never got to take. Sheila Mowbray, co-owner of Orange County Travel, said she couldn't understand why no one told her about any of the "specials" that were going on.

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Milton Schwartz, previous RSC teacher.



**A BIRD IN THE HAND** — Alan Bennett's "Arms For Peace," on display in the Seriously Humorous exhibit at RSC. See page 6. Drue Holthe/el Don

## Council aims for student success

by Paula Martin  
el Don

Increased emphasis on coordination of curriculum between the Santa Ana Unified School District and RSC, to ensure smooth passage and student success from high school to college, is the goal of the newly formed Articulation Council.

"The council's job," said council member David Dobos, who is also assistant dean of physical education, athletics, "is to prevent gaps and duplication of curriculum. English one should end where English two begins."

Planning course outlines for high schools, so that students are prepared to meet the standards expected in college,

takes communication between school districts. However, curriculum coordination is not the only goal of the Articulation Council.

Mutual respect in working relationships goes a long way toward increasing the efficiency of partnerships and is, therefore, another goal of the council.

In the past, "turf" disputes between high school and college faculty have tended to prevent successful cooperation between the two. The goal of the Articulation Council is to encourage a relationship that brings about co-operation and collaboration by overcoming traditional academic "pecking orders."

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## Caltrans demolishes homes to ease traffic

by Kathy Speakman, Kathy Pape, Cindy Fitzpatrick  
el Don

To ease traffic congestion for Orange County commuters on the Santa Ana Freeway, Caltrans announced last Wednesday that as many as 178 homes and 81 businesses will be demolished.

A Caltrans panel outlined four plans, two of which would displace 158 families, at a public hearing held at RSC's Phillips Hall.

The hearing was held to dispel the uncertainty several Santa Ana residents felt with the proposed widening.

"All comments and questions from the audience will be considered before the final decision is made," said Chester Shearer, Caltrans moderator. Comment deadline is March 15, 1978.

Larry Stevens, a senior Right-of-way Agent, said that Caltrans would give residents a fair settlement and help them in relocating.

"The residents will be entitled to moving cost, interest or purchase differentials, and miscellaneous benefits,"

Stevens said. Businesses will receive similar payments.

"We have to relocate (the residents) in the area, even if there is no room," said Charles Christopher, Caltrans Project Engineer.

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**CALTRANS** — Panel discusses freeway expansion.  
Lucien Philbrick/el Don

**AT THE MOVIES?** Ron D'Avis, el Don's award winning sports columnist, takes a off-beat look at the movies. With a sports twist. See page 8.

**GOING BEHIND THE SCENES** It's a dangerous job, but somebody has to do it. Meet one of the people who protect us while we're on campus. See page 2.

**GET THE NIGHT-MUNCHIES** Join the Nitewriter staff as they explore the ins and outs of getting hungry at night on RSC's campuses. See page 3.

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## El Don Update

## Behind The Scenes

**Name:** Devon Trahan  
**Occupation:** RSC Campus Police Officer  
**Education:** Graduate, Saddleback High School, Santa Ana. Completed Police Training with the Sheriff's Department in 1974. Has completed Police Science classes at RSC. Has been employed by RSC as a campus policeman for over 10 years.  
**Family:** Single, parent of a 9 year-old daughter.  
**Hobbies:** Likes to run, lift weights and fly model airplanes.

Walking the campus (foot patrol) and driving the police unit through the parking lots, issuing citations, is routine work Devon Trahan faces every day.

While Trahan enjoys his job, he would like to work for the Marshal's Department as a bailiff or a warrant officer. What holds him back is a speech impediment that has plagued him all of his life.

"My biggest problem right now is stuttering. People think I'm nervous, which I'm not. Or they say things like, What's the matter, are you handicapped?", said Trahan.

Speech therapy through RSC's Speech, Hearing and Language Center has proved beneficial to Trahan and is an on-going service he utilizes.

Being struck by a car driven by the irate boy-friend of an RSC student is the worst thing that has happened to Trahan during the line of duty. In spite of injuries, Trahan pursued the



angry suitor into the city of Santa Ana where he made the arrest.

Settling campus disputes is a part of Trahan's job that keeps him hopping. The interview ended when Trahan ran off, responding to an urgent walkie-talkie message regarding a campus fight.

## Council: co-operation key

Administrators Management Report.

The report goes on to say that "the council was created to counter a trend toward a growing number of unprepared students, apparent duplication of efforts and shrinking budgets...and a renewed sense of service to students and community and the demand for educational excellence."

The specific areas targeted for immediate attention are: business-secretarial skills, continuing education, counseling, industrial arts-automotive technology, mathematics and science-biology.

"We want to establish a good relationship with the high schools," Dobos said. "We want to work with them, not on them."

While articulation between school systems is not a new enterprise, the involvement of the top administrators is and will bring about a greater commitment from the schools for successful co-operation and articulation.

"Top level leadership is essential to sustain the effort and give clear signals to staff on the importance of the effort," says the Association of California Community College

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## Scam: RSC students involved

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In an article written for *TravelAge West*, Mark Flager said, "Schwartz, convicted in a nearly identical case in San Pedro five years ago, was employed at Orange County Travel Service in Anaheim."

Flager was unavailable for comment as to where he had obtained this information.

The Mowbrays described Schwartz as brilliant and the best travel lecturer around. Unfortunately, the Mowbrays feel they will be a long time recovering from the talents of Milton Schwartz.

She said that Mejia terminated her employment when Schwartz turned himself in to the authorities.

Ray Giles in the RSC Public Affairs office said that the decision not to rehire Schwartz was made in July of 1986 "due to his legal problems."

Giles also indicated that there was no evidence that RSC was in any way involved in any of Schwartz's activities. Giles was not aware that RSC students were working for Schwartz at Orange County Travel Service in Anaheim.

## Jensen talks with RSC Senate

In the Academic Senate meeting of Dec. 2, 1986, Chancellor Robert Jensen fielded questions from Senate members and visitors to the meeting, attempting to inform them on school policies.

The following is a copy of what was published in a memo from the Academic Senate.

Those asking questions included: Marguerite Albanez, Betty Cotton, James Harris, Fred Hills, Lee Mallory, Edna Slocum and George Wright.

**Question:** Lately there have been many rumors concerning selection committees (that choose RSC employees). Could you address the viability of current hiring procedures?

**Answer:** I set up a task force to study hiring guidelines. That task force made many recommendations and I have accepted and implemented most of them.

**Q:** What do you think about the wisdom of having classified personnel serve on selection committees? I have heard that because of their job status they may be more subject to intimidation than certificated faculty.

**A:** Classified staff actually have more job protection than tenured faculty. I also hope that a feeling of intimidation is not

prevalent on this campus.

**Q:** The selection committee process and service on those committees may be inadequate. What do you think about the practice of the Board adding names of candidates to be interviewed after the selection committee had excluded them? This was done for the position of Vice-Chancellor.

**A:** The Board has the prerogative to enter names whenever they want to. They entered two names at the interview phase, but I personally couldn't support those names being entered at any point later than that.

**Q:** I have done considerable research on the size of RSC management, and I have come to the conclusion that we are over-bureaucratized and have too much management. How do you respond to this?

**A:** When I first came here, I conducted a study to determine whether we were over managed. I have reduced management from 81 to 76 and for each and every position we have filled or upgraded, I have done a study and justified the move. We should always try to do better, but relative to other districts we are doing well.

**Q:** It is my understanding that the jurisdiction of the Board

allows it to take action only in formal session and then only if 4 members concur. That is to say that as individuals, Board members have no formal power. If this is true, how did individual Board members add names to be interviewed for the position of Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs?

**A:** I believe the Board agreed as a group to allow individuals to add names. But legally I don't know whether that can be done. It is a technicality.

**Q:** I would like to know if there will be enough money set aside to give faculty at least a six percent raise next year?

**A:** Talk to Gary Teigen (FARSCCD), and if he won't give you an answer, come back to me.

(Statement made by Carleen Ono to Jensen) I am a teacher, and I get mixed messages. One semester I am told to build enrollment and the next I am told to tell students I can't accept them. Every semester it is a new message, and it is very frustrating.

**A:** I understand your frustration, but the state has put a cap on growth and as long as that cap is on, we will have problems from semester to semester.

## Caltrans: Santa Ana freeway to be expanded

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While residents questioned how the state would find like properties, most offered little opposition to their upcoming displacement.

The plan is expected to handle traffic increases up to the year 2010. Project funding

is largely through the Federal Highway Agency at a cost of \$110 million.

The Department of the Interior made a study of the plan and found several inadequacies. A previous Caltrans report on the Santa Ana corridor did not

fulfill the federal requirement of estimating future traffic flows.

While Caltrans said there would be only a slight increase in air pollution with the changes, Watt found the figures in the studies actually show a 58 percent increase.

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## Food for thought

# Plethora of edibles feed hungry minds

by Toma Talamantes  
el Don

Practices of purchasing junk food when one is not really hungry is stimulated by many things, but is especially dictated by social habits.

Night students do not have much time available while working and attending classes. To relax and unwind, students gather around a table, bench or vending machine to engage in conversations and food.

Being one of the group encourages one to dress a certain way, act a certain way and, more times than not, eat the same type of food.

How many times have you found yourself buying a candy bar just so you are not the only one not eating, or choosing chips because someone says, "You should try these, they taste great"? Having a friend who does not drink coffee may sway your choice to a non-caffeine beverage.

a salad, but turn around and eat a piece of cake."

Occasionally night students purchase meals: salads, sandwiches, hamburgers, fries and a popular new item, boneless grilled chicken served on a whole wheat bun.

Gavino Villaseñor, a vendor with Okeh Caterers in Anaheim, says, "Most people just buy junk food; usually coffee, donuts, pastries. Sometimes they buy apples, yogurt and cottage cheese, but mainly they just buy junk at night."

The most popular vending machine item is Snickers candy bar. A new product from Hershey's is Bar None, which is becoming a best seller. The machines that dispense cold drinks by the cup are chosen more often than the canned sodas, with Coke the most popular choice.

Golden Valley popcorn is a favorite probably because it can be shared, and not so much

urge for something more soothing to your system. Coffee seems to be the cure-all for warding off yawns and helping students get through one more hour of lecture.

A plethora of snacks abound at RSC, including the delicatibles of string cheese and crackers, burritos, V-8 juice, nonfat chocolate milk, Cherry

Coke, apples, Lifesavers, sandwiches, sweet rolls and Grandma's Cookies. (These are just a sampling of what can be found in the machines, not to mention the varied menu of the cafeteria.)

Although it is true that your taste buds will be tempted and satisfied over and over again whether you frequent the

cafeteria, vending machines or catering trucks, keep in mind that the donuts, potato chips, coffee, etc., will be in your stomach for three to four hours after ingestion. A cup of coffee, hot chocolate, or cola will be energizing your body and interfering with your sleep pattern throughout the night.

Change machines and microwave ovens add to the fun of buying snacks.

Change machines and microwave ovens often add to the fun of buying snack foods.

According to Pete Braun, manager of RSC food services, the second most popular nighttime snack in the cafeteria is pastry goods (like donuts, cookies, turnovers, cakes and muffins). Braun commented, "Students really try to be health-conscious by purchasing

because of its nutritional value.

Coffee is the Number One choice of drink during the evening hours. When the weather is inclement, a hot cup of coffee or hot chocolate is worth the bone-chilling walk from the classroom to the machine.

Hot apple cider and soup are available, yet not as alluring unless you have a cold or the



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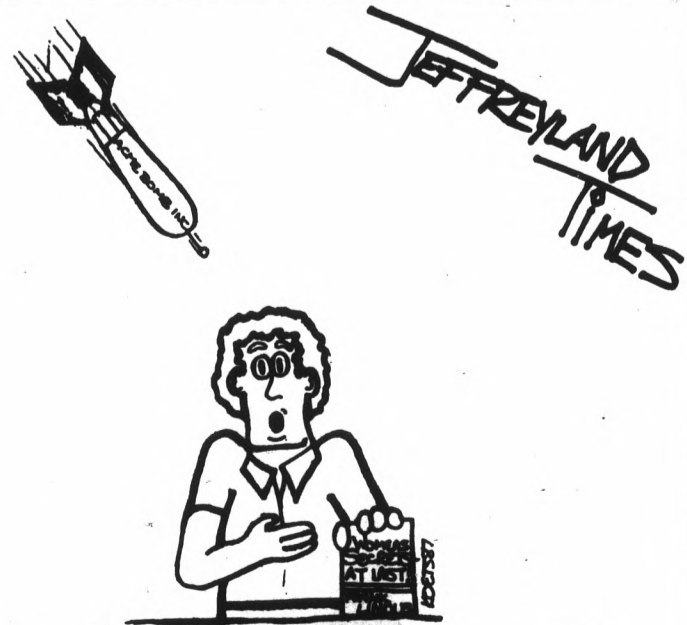
#### WHERE TO APPLY:

Applications and information may be obtained by visiting the Scholarship Office, located in the Administration Building, on the Santa Ana campus between 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, Monday - Friday.

For further information contact the Scholarship Office at (714)667-3499.

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AFTER IT WAS TOO LATE, FRANK  
REALIZED NOW HE KNEW THE  
SECRETS OF WOMEN, THEY'D  
KILL HIM.

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## To pay or not to pay

Campus parking regulations require students, who wish to park in RSC lots, to pay a fee either during registration or at the Campus Police office. But little do they know what actually lurks in the parking lots.

For those who have a limited number of classes and wish to pay 50 cents each time they park instead of purchasing a parking sticker, they may park in a designated pay lot. By dropping four bits in a required space, students can park all day without worry of their car being towed away, which is as it should be.

Logically, it would be safe to assume that once a student forks over \$14 for parking privileges they would be able to park in any of the lots located on campus.

Unfortunately this logical consequence is not true.

In small type, on the large whites pay lot signs, is a nasty reminder telling students that even "those with current stickers must also pay fee."

Again the logical question why?

Certainly the pay lot idea is a fair and equitable way for part-time students to attend classes without paying the \$14 fee. However, the fairness and equitability of the pay lot system stops where students with parking stickers are concerned.

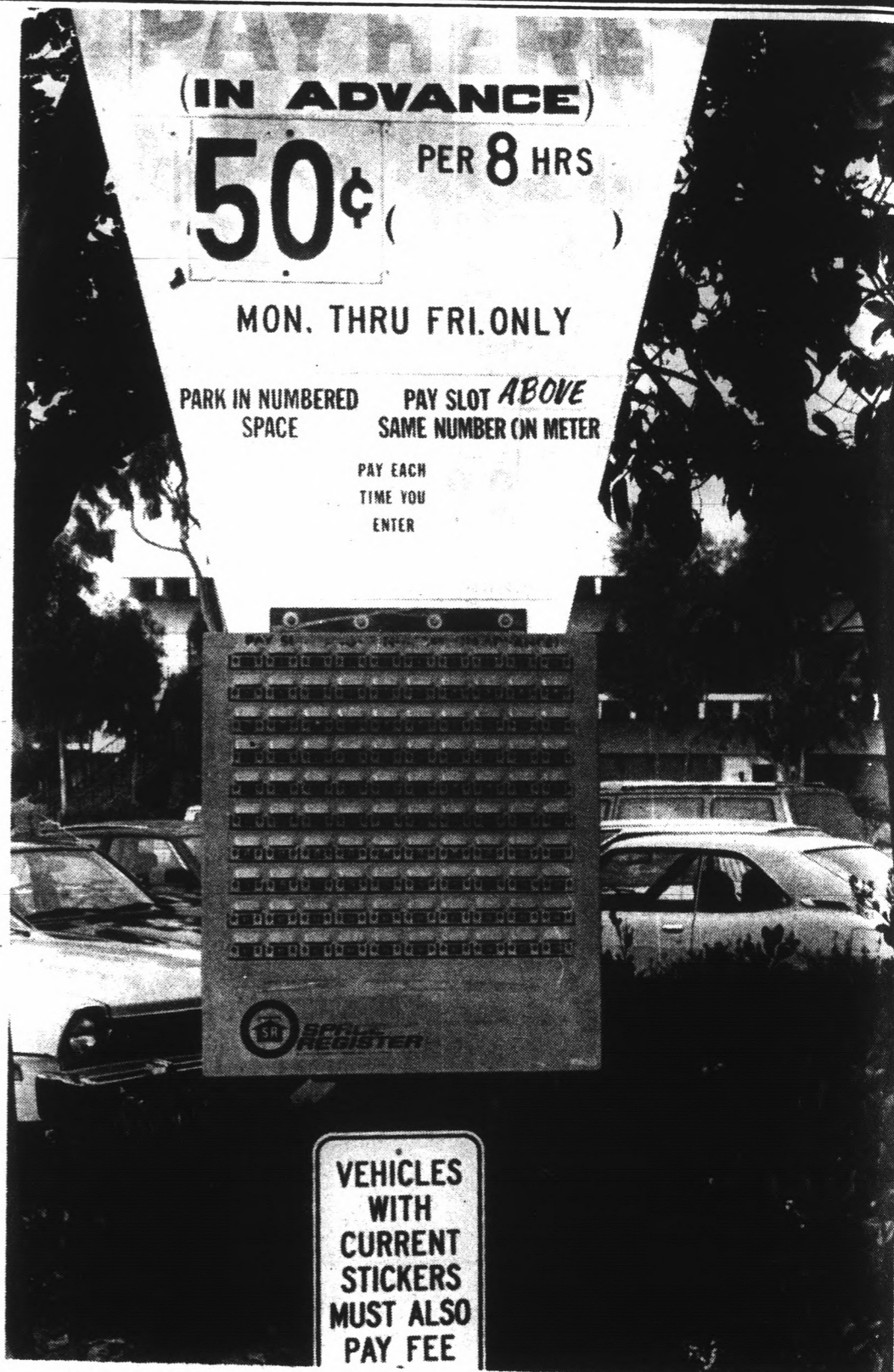
Frequently the sticker lot is full and students are forced to park, for a fee, in an empty or sparsely populated pay lot.

We believe this sticker "stick-up" to be ill-conceived and punitive.

Essentially students are being held hostage. Logic would dictate that when there is space available, students with valid stickers should be allowed to park in pay lots without paying an additional fee. It simply is not fair to force a student to pay because of inadequate planning.

We suggest that a logical and fair campus parking plan be implemented. There is no reason to strong arm students for a privilege that they not only deserve but pay for.

el Don



Michelle Dunklin/el Don

## Puffing their way beyond tolerance



I've never quite understood why people smoke. It must be beyond my comprehension to fully realize the ideas behind putting a dried-out, rolled-up plant between your lips and attempting to confine the burning to the insides of your lungs.

And it's not like people haven't

been told this is bad for their health. Think of nicknames. Nails in your coffin, death logs, on so forth. People who smoke have got to have a bigger death wish than Charles Bronson.

Yes, that's right. I don't smoke. Never have and never will. If I wanted a habit that could kill me, I think I'd take up Russian Roulette.

Maybe that's not such a bad idea, after all. Maybe we should outlaw smoking for likes of a safer habit. Like bashing in our heads with baseball bats.

Think of what this would do for the party circuit.

A guy spots that perfect girl across the room. He watches as she pulls a small wooden Louisville Slugger out of her

fashionable Gucci bag.

The guy walks up to her. "Allow me," he says with a smile. She nods and smiles back, stuffing her bat back in her bag in her hand.

The guy proceeds to pull out a 36 inch aluminum bat (he's a Yuppie, he only goes for the best) and bash her one over the head.

"How's that?" he asks politely, trying to figure the exact distance back to his place. "Once you get off the floor and stop the bleeding, perhaps you'd like to dance?"

Let's face it, kids, concussions and skull fractures are a lot easier to cure than lung cancer.

It really bugs me, as a non-smoker, to walk into a

restaurant or theater and have to inhale somebody's regurgitated smoke. I mean, if they want to make their lungs darker than the roots of Madonna's hair, that's their stupid choice.

But I don't want to put up with it.

In our society, it would be considered kosher for someone to blow smoke in my face, but I'd be in for jail term if I whipped out a high-pressure fire hose and obliterated that cigarette, cigar or pipe. Why? All they might get is a cold. I could, on the other hand, end up with my lungs looking like month old meat loaf.

So, next time you feel like lighting one up, why don't you just go find a good forest fire to inhale, okay?

## 'Equality without barriers'

by Siobhan Wilson  
el Don

Paul Simon is being blackballed. Is it rightfully so, or is it an unfair persecution? That depends on what one considers right and what one considers wrong.

Take for example breaking the cultural boycott between the United States and South Africa. Now, most people would understandably say that this is wrong. Actually, it's not.

The cultural boycott set up between South Africa and the U.S. was to prevent money from being generated between the two countries. The reason our government set this agreement into effect was to show that America would not support apartheid in South Africa by giving the rich whites more of "our" money. This all makes perfect political sense, but why

must our politics interfere with our music?

Paul Simon has been accused of exploiting the black musicians who appear on his "Graceland" LP for his own marketable gain. He has also been attacked for misrepresenting the African musical community by Americanizing the native music. Further more, some people are under the impression that Simon recorded the entire album in Johannesburg with the weight of his "world-wide successful name" being the bribe for the musicians.

The inaccurate complaints are obviously from uninformed "Top-Forty Pop Fans" who want nothing more from this intelligent composer than to occasionally hear a 21 year-old duet sung by him and his ex-partner, Art Garfunkel.

As to the vicious rumors

floating around the airwaves and newspapers, anyone who is willing to look at the album jacket or read one interview in any magazine will find each of the previously mentioned accusations to be false. For the record, Paul Simon heard a cassette of some South African music called "Gumboots Jive Hits Vol.2," liked it, and began to pursue a contact with the producer of the album. To make a long story short, he flew to Johannesburg, and found the bands he met were virtually unaware of who he was and the music he played. They later told him that they had taken a vote as to whether or not they would record with him. Both Simon and the black musicians agreed that it would be great exposure to both the Africans and Americans to sample each other's music. Despite the political barriers, the feel of a good rhythmic beat is universal.

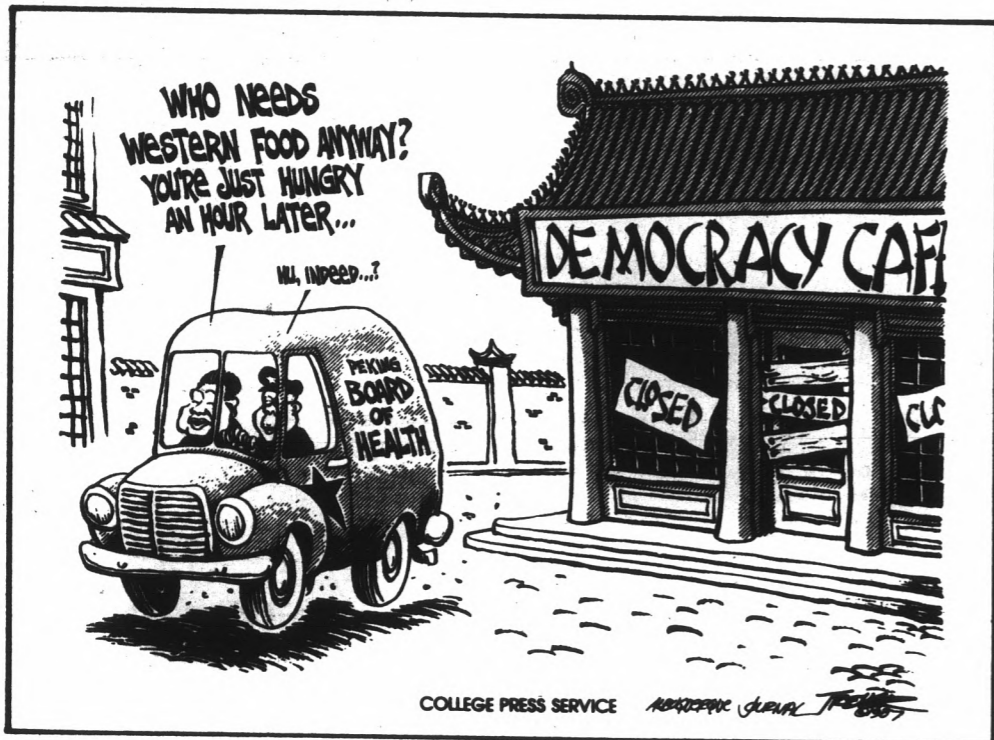
Five songs were partially cut in Johannesburg, the remainder

of the music was recorded at Abbey Road studios in London, New York and Los Angeles.

At least one third of the album was co-written by other players and on many songs Simon let the band change the key or timing to keep the music true to its natural form.

Also, please note that the entire time Simon was recording with the group Ladysmith Black Mambazo, and the other African musicians, he was paying them triple union scale wages along with free travel and hotel accommodations.

Does this sound like exploitation? Misrepresentation? No, it sounds like the work of a musician who has a genuine love for music and it's listeners. Paul Simon has not hurt anyone, instead he has helped somebody, everybody. America has been introduced to a new type of music, the name of the song is "Equality Without Barriers."



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# 8 Sports

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## RSC's diamond days begin again

Lady Dons 'Reach'-ing  
for number three

by Gina Galuppo  
el Don

The RSC women's softball team must be doing something right.

After winning two consecutive California Community College State Softball titles, the Dons will now attempt to become the first team ever to win a third consecutive state championships.

Jim Reach, 1986 California Community College Softball Coach of the Year and South Coast Conference Coach of the Year, said, "We should be good contenders if nothing crippling gets in the way, this team has as much potential as any group ever assembled at Rancho Santiago College."

This is high praise considering the past two years the Lady Dons recorded back to back seasons with 42 wins.

The 1987 Don squad returns six starters from last season's

championship team, including State Tournament Most Valuable Player Sandy Martinez and Southern California Regional MVP Christy Alvarez.

Eagerly awaiting the challenge of pitching for the two time state champs are freshman, Dawn Robertson from El Toro High School and Joyce Lyman from Edison High School. Both pitchers have the experience and potential to make a contribution early this season.

Robertson helped lead El Toro to a second place CIF finish in 1986 while Lyman was an All-Orange County selection.

Reach feels the team potential is there but warned that "you don't win state championships on potential."

Reach realizes there are tough league competitors willing to snatch away the state title from the Dons.

"Saddleback, Orange Coast, Cypress, Cerritos and Riverside look like they'll be the most trouble," Reach said.

Now in his sixth year at the helm, Reach has established

RSC's softball program as one of the best in the country. Along with his 1986 awards, Reach was also honored as the 1985 Orange County Softball Coach of the Year.

Edge came to RSC from El Toro High School where he led the Chargers to three straight South Coast League Championships, 1978-80, with an overall record of 44-10.

Also returning for his second year as pitching coach is Steve Poblete. Poblete has been praised for his patience and perseverance. He has played a major role in last season's success.

As in all sports it is very difficult to repeat a championship season. Trying for an unprecedented three in a row will prove to be more difficult. Reach expects all of RSC's opponents to be gunning for the Dons this year.

"I am eagerly awaiting the challenge," Reach said. "I know that each and every time we take the field we'll be in a dog fight. We're going to have to scratch and claw to be successful."



A catcher's eye view of RSC softball. Drue Holthe/  
el Don

## Ronnie goes to the movies

RON D'AVIS

Last semester I looked at some new television series. Well, now it's time to move on to the big screen for previews of sports films coming soon to a theater near you.

**Boozers**- John Madden, Rodney Dangerfield, Bob Uecker and the rest of the Miller Lite commercial crew invade the small town of Hickory, Indiana to film their latest exploits.

**A Tale of Two Cities: the Pat Quinn Story**- Brilliant film adaptation of Chuck Dickens' best selling novel. In the film, Quinn (portrayed by Judd Hirsch), the coach of a down-and-out Southern California hockey team, gets hit on the head with a puck and suffers from amnesia. While his memory is gone, he signs a contract to be the general manager of another team. Complications arise when Quinn gets his memory back and discovers he has two jobs.

**Platoon**- The dilemma of a major league manager (Ed Asner) with three equally talented right fielder. Co-starring Tony Orlando as Matty, Julio Iglesias as Jesus and Cheech Martin as the irrepressible Felipe.

**Snow White**- A remake of the classic story with a little plot twist. Starring Faye Dunaway and the seven drips: Steve Howe, Tim Rains, Michael Ray Richardson, Chris Washburn, Mike Norris, Lewis Lloyd and Willie Wilson.

**The Color of Money**- This documentary stars every major league player, and their agents, who has filed for salary arbitration.

**Little Shop of Horrors**- Starring the 1985-86 Dodger infield. Directed by Tommy Lasorda with a brief appearance by Pedro Guerrero.

**Angelo "Crocodile" Dundee**- This film follows boxing manager Dundee as he works with his prize pupil Muhammed Ali to get ready for Ali's latest comeback bid, a fight against an unknown fighter from Australia. Co-starring Ferdie Pacheco as the Fight Doctor.

**Gone With the Wind**- The story of a down and out 12-meter sailboat skipper who gets one last chance to redeem himself in the eyes of his country by winning back a rather ugly piece of silver he misplaced four years earlier. Special guest appearance by Ferdie Pacheco as the Freemantle Doctor.

And with that, I'll be seeing you at the movies.

## Sporting spotlight

by John Overall  
el Don

This week's Sporting Spotlight features two of RSC's leading basketball players.

Demerial Gibson is an 18 year-old freshman at RSC who graduated from Denby High School in Detroit, Michigan.

The 5'10" forward has provided much needed rebounding strength to RSC's women's basketball team.

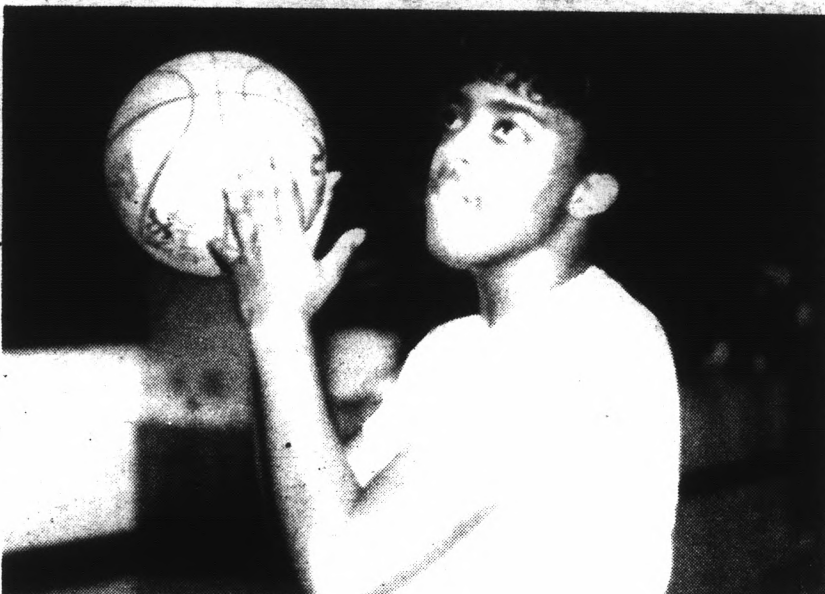
Although Demerial has not been able to play in all the games this year she has proved to be a team leader and a scoring threat under the basket.

Against Citrus Demerial hit six of 10 shots from the floor for 12 points along with 7 rebounds.

Chris Jackson is a 6'3" sophomore from nearby Mater Dei High where he made the all C.I.F. and all Orange County teams.

Coach Dana Pagett says, "Chris is a good all around player, who is very important to the team."

Chris played extremely well against Saddleback last weekend, scoring 11 points and hauling down five rebounds.



DEMERIAL GIBSON

Demerial Gibson has proven to be a team leader

Michelle Dunklin/el Don



CHRIS JACKSON

"Chris is a good all-around player... very important to the team." - Dana Pagett Michelle Dunklin/el Don